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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Gregory A. Holmes

Appln No: 10/713,569

Filed: November 13, 2003

For: Equipment and Methods for  
Manufacturing Cigarettes

Attorney Docket No.: 11867/24

Examiner: Michael J. Felton

Group Art Unit: 1791

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 31, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as below and consider the following remarks.

**Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.